Pradesh, Orissa and Madhya Pradesh etc.; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken to combat this grim situation by the State Governments and whether in view of this growing menace, Central Government has issued any special directions in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) There are no reports to indicate that the People's Guerilla Army (PGA) has replaced the forest officers and police administration in the areas on Jharkhand-Chhattisgarh border. However, attempts are on by the People's ar Group (PWG) to induce the tribal youth to join PGA in areas under its influence.

(b) The concerned State Governments have to devise various measure and take concrete steps to crub left wing extremist activities in the States. However, keeping in view the overall dimension which left wing extremism has assumed in some States, it has become a matter of concern for the Central Government as well. It has, therefore, set up a high level Coordination Centre, headed by the Union Home Secretary with Chief Secretaries and Directors General of Police of the seriously affected States, as its members, to review and coordinate steps taken by these States to check the left wing extremist activities, monitor the plan of action in respect of each State and make recommendation both on development and security aspects of the problem.

Mushrooming of Madarsas on Indo-Pak Border

5158. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there has been mushrooming of mazars and madarsas on the Indo-Pak Borders in Rajasthan.

(b) whether Government are also aware that this is the handiwork of Pak ISI (as appeared in the Hindustan Times of 23rd April, 2002) with the ill-intention to keep a watch on the movement of our armed forces on the borders; and

(c) if so, what in-built mechanism has been developed to guard against such mischievous acts of the enemy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) As per available reports, there has been a rise in the number of madarsas in the bordering districts of Rajasthan. Though there are no specific inputs confirming the involvement of Pak ISI in the activities of these madarsas, such involvement cannot be totally ruled out.

There are no reports of mazars coming up in these areas with a view to keep a tab on the activities of Indian armed forces. The mazars at villages 27-APS Anupgarh and at Laila Majnoo near village Binjore, referred to in the news-item, were reportedly constructed about 50 years back.

Vigilance is being maintained on the activities of religious institutions along the border. The State Government have also been advised to take action under the provisions of the Religious Institutions (Prevention of Misuse) Act, 1988, wherever such places of worship/religious instruction are found to be indulging in illegal activities.

Re-rolling Mills in Pondicherry

5159. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many Re-rolling Mills are functioning in the Union Territory of Pondicherry at present;

(b) how many Re-rolling Mills obtained licence for the last three years;

(c) whether any permission was obtained from the Government of India; and

(d) whether this industry will not cause pollution to a great extent at Pondicherry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) There